

REMARKS

This is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation application of the parent application, Serial No. 09/239,617, filed January 29, 1999. In the parent application, claims 1-52 and 67-90 have been allowed and claims 53-66 have been canceled. This continuation application is filed during the pendency of the parent application.

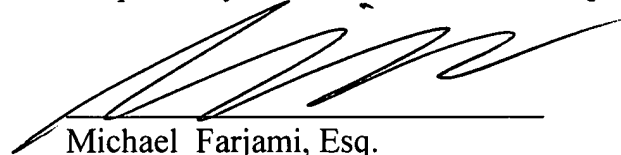
By this preliminary amendment, applicant has canceled claims 1-90 in the present continuation application and has added new claims 91-119. No new matter has been introduced in the present continuation application. Accordingly, claims 91-119 remain in the present Rule 1.53(b) continuation application. Consideration and examination of pending claims 91-119 is respectfully requested.

A true and correct copy of the parent application, including the specification, drawings and claims, as originally filed, is enclosed. Formal drawings corresponding to the originally filed informal drawings are also enclosed. Also enclosed is a true and correct copy of the declaration as filed in the parent application.

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Moreover, a copy of the "Revocation and Power of Attorney" in the parent application is also enclosed. As noted in the enclosed Revocation and Power of Attorney, Applicants' attorneys have changed and the Examiner is respectfully requested to make a note of this change and to direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney in the present continuation application whose address and phone number appear below.

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